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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 4699 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DATED
4 NOVEMBER 1974:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4699

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM/IO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TIMING OF SC ACTION ON UNDOF EXTENSION

1. FACT PALESTINE DEBATE IN GA NO LONGER SCHEDULED TO
BEGIN BEFORE NOV 13 CAUSES POTENTIAL TIMING PROBLEM ON
SC ACTION TO EXTEND. UNDOF. WE DO NOT WISH UNDOF DEBATE
TO COMPLICATE GA PALESTINE DEBATE AND VICE VERSA. IN
PARTICULAR, WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID PLO PARTICIPATION
IN SC DEBATE. IF AS IS CONCEIVABLE PALESTINE DEBATE
LASTS MORE THAN TWO WEEKS, UNDOF DEBATE IN SC WOULD EITHER
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HAVE TO OVERLAP OR FACE SIGNIFICANT TIME PRESSURE. PRESENT

MANDATE EXPIRES NOV 30.

2. ONE POSSIBILITY WORTH CONSIDERING WOULD BE TO INITIATE UNDOF CONSIDERATION (WITH CONSULTATIONS AND THEN, PRESUMABLY, FORMAL SC MEETINGS) THIS WEEK. SUCH ACTION WOULD, OF COURSE, BE DEPENDENT ON SECSTATE'S SCHEDULE AND WISHES. WE MIGHT THUS DISPOSE OF QUESTION BEFORE PLO LEADERS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AND BEFORE FIFTH COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL ASPECTS TAKES PLACE. FOR BOTH THESE REASONS, OUR MOTIVES IN PRESSING FOR MEETING THIS FAR AHEAD OF DEADLINE WOULD PROBABLY BE SUSPECT. THERE COULD BE NO GUARANTEE THAT WE WOULD NOT PRECIPITATE JUST WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID. OTHERS MIGHT FIND IT EASY TO STRING OUT SC DEBATE PRECISELY WITH A VIEW TO SETTING UP CROSSFIRE BETWEEN SC AND GA PLENARY.

3. ON BALANCE, WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK SAFER COURSE WOULD BE TO ASSUME PALESTINE DEBATE WILL BE WOUND UP BY NOV. 23 AND PLAN ON CONSULTATIONS BEGINNING AROUND NOV. 20 WITH FORMAL MEETING TO FOLLOW PROMPTLY. BEFORE ABANDONING IDEA OF GOING AHEAD THIS WEEK, WE PLAN TO CONSULT WITH BRITISH AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHERS ON VERY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS RE THESE ALTERNATIVES. BENNETT UNQTE INGERSOLL

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